



News Release

Premier appoints Deputy Minister of Justice

IQALUIT, NU (May 14, 2012) – Acting Deputy Minister Norman Tarnow has been appointed Deputy Minister of Justice.

Mr. Tarnow has served as Acting Deputy Minister of Justice since January. During the past 7 years he served as legal counsel and Director of the Legal and Constitutional Law Division before being appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice in 2011.

“I would like to congratulate Norman Tarnow. A hard-working legal advisor and senior manager, Mr. Tarnow brings years of experience to his position and has a solid understanding of Nunavut’s justice system, and the objectives under our *Tamapta* mandate,” said Premier Eva Aariak.

Called to the Bars of the Province of British Columbia in 1974, and Nunavut in 2005, Mr. Tarnow has been a practicing member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, and a member of the Canadian Bar Association, for over 37 years. He has 23 years experience working with, and advising ministers and government officials in a complex, fast-paced, and highly sensitive environment at a senior level within the Governments of British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.

“I welcome the opportunity to continue to work with Mr. Tarnow in the role of deputy minister,” said Minister of Justice Daniel Shewchuk. “His experience in Nunavut and the North will serve Nunavummiut well.”

Mr. Tarnow has spent 10 years North of Sixty – 7 years in Iqaluit and more than 3 years in Yellowknife, where he took part in tri-partite federal-territorial-Aboriginal negotiations as an assistant Aboriginal self-government negotiator for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Currently, he is the longest serving, and most senior lawyer, both in terms of years of governmental experience, and as a lawyer in the Nunavut Department of Justice.

The appointment of Mr. Tarnow is effective immediately.

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